

Knights of Columbus® Texas **State Council**

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RESOURCES FOR DISTRICT DEPUTIES AND COUNCIL OFFICERS

Officers Online on Supreme Council Website www.KofC.org
 Officers Desk Reference (ODR)
 Home Corporation Handbook
 Your Diocesan Deputy
 Training sessions
 Chapter Meetings and Conferences



SAFE ENVIRONMENT – SUPREME OFFICE OF YOUTH PROTECTION

Supreme website OYP

•Report violations or incidents of abuse per the training to law enforcement, your Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator, and Supreme OYP

•Removal from membership is mandatory for felons and convicted sex offenders

 Notify the State Advocate immediately with information regarding arrest or conviction of a sex offense





SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

•KofC safe environment (Praesidium) v Diocesan safe environment

•NOT the same: one does not substitute for the other

•KofC: GK, program director, family director, and community director



•Diocesan: follow your Bishop's guidelines as to which Knights should take it



UPDATING COUNCIL BYLAWS

Template bylaws on the Supreme website
Same template for new Councils or existing ones

Fill in the blank
No other variations
Uniformity of provisions
Approval by Supreme





POLITICAL SPEECH

•Knights, as individuals, are encouraged to be good citizens and engage in the political process – to vote; support candidates for office; attend rallies; write editorials or letters to the editor.

•Knights, as Knights, should not be involved in the political process. This may be inconsistent with Supreme's and the Church's positions on various issues.





COUNCILS & POLITICAL SPEECH

•Councils should not be advocating positions that are not supported by or aligned with Supreme or the Church

•Councils may submit resolutions to the State Advocate for consideration at the State Convention. Resolutions that are not timely or do not conform to Supreme resolution guidelines will be rejected





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BRANDING

•Knights should not wear K of C logos and emblems when engaged in events or activities such as rallies or protests that are not sanctioned by Supreme or the USCCB.

•The K of C brand should not be displayed in a manner to give the impression that support or sponsorship is being given to a business or cause not sanctioned by Supreme or the Church.





COUNCIL IRS ISSUES NATURE OF A COUNCIL AS AN ENTITY

•Councils are 501(c)(8) entities

Make sales without having to pay sales tax

 Councils are not 501(c)(3) entities per agreement between Supreme and the IRS





EIN (Employer Identification Number)

Each Council should have its own EIN
No EIN means Council must pay taxes on sales
ODR has a step by step guide for getting a new EIN
Council's EIN should be provided to Supreme





IRS FORM 990 (INFORMATON TAX RETURN)

•Each Council must file the 990 every year

•Failure to file for 3 years means loss of EIN and tax exempt status

Step by step guide in ODR to the 990 filing
Less than \$50,000, then 990n e-postcard
Most Councils qualify for the 990n





MONEY ISSUES

•\$500 Rule

Budgets

Semi-annual audits

Require 2 signatures on checks

•Financial Secretary (FS) v. Treasurer duties





HOME CORPORATIONS OR HALLS

Are entities separate and apart from the Order
Tax status and entity creation comes from Supreme & IRS agreement

Either 501(c)(2) or 501(c)(7)

501(c)(2): return all monies over expenses to the associated Council

501(c)(7): fraternal lodge, social club





HOME CORPORATIONS OR HALLS (cont.)

Are separate and apart from Councils
Councils cannot own real property
Charitable Distribution Agreement
Terms of Use Agreement

•Notify State Advocate well in advance of Hall property sale





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FOOTBALL SWEEPSTAKES **CHAIRMAN** Willie Balerio 1317 S Bluebonnet Odessa TX 79761 (432) 924-0421 williebalerio@yahoo.com

Why FOOTBALL SWEEPSTAKES?

The only fundraiser by Texas State Council (TSC) to supplement **per capita**.

Supporting this fundraiser helps TSC avoid increasing your local council per capita assessment.



Why FOOTBALL SWEEPSTAKES?

Texas holds the title of the largest jurisdiction in the United States and manages an extensive budget.



Where are funds used?

TSC employs three full-time staff members who assist State Officers, Directors, Chairmen, Committees, **Diocesan Deputies**, **District** Deputies and over 120,000 members throughout the state.



Where are funds used?

TSC organizes multiple meetings annually, including the one happening this weekend. Funding for this program enables TSC to secure top-notch venues, ensuring you have the best experience!





The ticket holders with the 4 teams that score the most or least points each week, WINS! You can check online to see if you're a winner. Prizes are mailed.

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For every ten tickets sold by your council get one chance to win. Sell 100 tickets recieve 10 chances. Show off your council with a tent, tablecloths and banners in your council's colors and information. Follow the entry guidelines and your council could be the lucky winner, making your tailgate the talk of the town!

Scan the QR code below for more details!











Texas State Council

Organizational Meeting

Denton, TX July 11-13, 2025



State Officers 2025-2026



Supreme Director







State Directors 2025-2026





The Basics

- The Laws of the Order define your duties.
- It is your responsibility to be a leader and act, which includes holding officers and members accountable.
 - Your actions set the tone for the fraternal leaders in your district.







Commit yourself to be the best District Deputy you can be.



Attend state meetings and all training sessions.





Help each council to have a better year than they did last fraternal Year.



REPRESENT

EXEMPLIFY

INSTALL

Act as the special representative of the Supreme Knight and the State Deputy

Exemplify your Faith and Catholic Lay Leadership

Install Council Officers as close to the start of the Fraternal Year as possible





PROMOTE

Promote Council Growth and Member Retention through Engagement

SUPERVISE

ENCOURAGE

Supervise the Councils assigned within your District and be responsible for the enforcement of the Laws & Rules of The Order

> Encourage the use of the Member Management and Member Billing applications in Officers Online





MANAGE

REPORT

Help Councils with document retention and the filing of forms in a timely manner

> File reports of the condition of the Councils in your District

INSPECT

Inspect the Financials of the Councils within the District, and request them for examination





FOLLOW

Follow the guidelines for a Member's suspension or withdrawal

ASSIGN

PERFORM

Direct and assign duties to a Council's Trustees when deemed advisable

Perform such other duties as the laws of The Order prescribe





The role of the District Deputy is one of <u>SERVICE</u>. We often refer to the District Deputy as being a <u>guide, a friend, a</u> <u>mentor</u>. Your Fraternal leadership role is to help your councils become more effective.



You need to hold your Councils and the Council Officers accountable by helping them **"Plan", "Act", & "Succeed."**



Your attitude determines the attitude of the District. You should <u>always be encouraging</u>, with a positive voice. Never berate the Council or its officers in a business meeting.

Serious issues need to be a one-on-one discussions with the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, the officers having the issue, or all of the above at an Officer's meeting.






Plan your schedule and include important meetings, council meetings and ceremonials



Participate in organizational meetings, membership meetings, and **visit your councils on a regular basis**



Guide your councils to growth in membership and faith-filled charitable outreach







Instill into your council officers, from the beginning of the Fraternal year, the importance of having great council programs and how those programs will promote recruitment.







ACT

Council Help your Councils add "Faith In Action" programs to their annual fraternal planning

Identify "ideal" Faith In

Action programs for each

Engaging programs foster recruitment and build stronger and more relevant Councils









Review Resources online and in handbooks



Share information with Council Officers in a timely manner





Lead by your timely example









Fraternal Planner 2025-2026



Fraternal Excellence Guide

Effective July 1, 2024



Websites: <u>www.kofc.org</u> <u>www.tkofc.org</u>









This monthly publication will include information from the Major Directors about upcoming deadlines & events.

Available on the 1st day of the month. This publication should be forwarded to your Councils to help them stay on track.



Finish Line

| Breaking News Reminder | | | | ory | |
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| VOLUME 102 June 20, 20 | 024 <u>KOFC.OR</u> | | | _ | |
| June Webinar: Resources Council and District leaders are encouraged to June 20th at 8:00 PM ET. We will highlight value Learn about all the resources available from S | o attend our info uable fraternal I supreme and yo | rmative webir Resources To | nar tonight, Thu o Help You Suc | ceed. | |
| resources to make your council operate at per Incoming council officers and district deputies Updates and changes to the resources will be And remember, if you can't join us live, it will to sign-up to ensure you get the link for this in | Employme The Knights of Colu | umbus Fraternal Mis <mark>s.kofc.org/</mark> to find o | ssion Department has one that matches your | , | nities. |
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The Fraternal Leader Advisory highlights current Knights of Columbus initiatives and is released on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month to all Knights of Columbus Officers via email. Sent to State Officers & Directors, DD's & Council Officers & Directors Anyone can sign up online.



Fraternal Leader Advisory

| Council Number -> | 18327 | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| Council Grade -> | A | | | | | | |
| Council Location -> | | ? | | | | | |
| Council GK -> | STE | PHEN GARCIA | STEPHEN.M | I.GARCIA@I | CLOUD.COM | 210-336 | -1058 |
| Council District -> | 44 | Jordan Delg | ado | jordandel | gado6465@g | mail.com | (361) 652-2903 |
| Progress Towards Star Council Award | | | | | | | |
| Membership Quota | 5 | | | | | | |
| Membership Growth | 31 | | | | | | |
| % of Growth Goal | 620.00 | | Meets Star Co | ouncil Req | | | |
| Council Size of July 1 | 38 | | Pending Comp | oletion | | | |
| Fraternal Benefit Events Held | 4 | | | | | | |
| Fraternal Benefit Attendees | 11 | | | | | | |
| Founders Award Achieved | Yes | | | | | | |
| Program Personnel Form 365 | Yes | | SE Training | Deadline to | Background | Deadline to | |
| Survey of Fraternal Activity Form 1728 | Yes | | E-Mail | Complete | Check E-Mail | Complete | |
| Columbian Award Form SP-7 | Yes | | Sent | | Sent | | |
| Safe Env. Compliance - Grand Knight | Yes | STEPHEN M GARCIA | 2023-10-20 | Compliant | 2024-04-05 | Compliant | |
| Safe Env. Compliance - Program Dir. | Yes | EMMANUEL VARELA | 2023-12-01 | Compliant | n/a | n/a | |
| Safe Env. Compliance - Community Dir. | Yes | STEPHEN M GARCIA | 2023-10-20 | Compliant | 2024-04-05 | Compliant | |
| Safe Env. Compliance - Family Dir. | Yes | NICOLAS URBINA | 2024-02-05 | Compliant | 2024-02-14 | Compliant | |
| Council SE Compliant? | Compliant | | | | | | |
| Supreme Balance | PAID | | | | | | |
| Suspended Council? | No | | | | | | |
| Star Council -> | Yes | | | | | | |

Each month you will receive a Star Tracker Report. The report is a snapshot of each Council in your District. The report is broken into sections for each Council. You will be able to use this report to see which Councils are in good standing, and whether they are current with their Supreme Council Compliance towards achieving Star Council. This report serves as a District Deputy Report Card.





Star Tracker



Urgent Messages

SCHEDULED OUTAGE

To ensure proper recording of the 2024-2025 Officers and Service Program Personnel that have been recorded using the Next Fraternal Year screens in Member Management, the Supreme Council will be taking Member Management, Member Billing and By-Laws Online, offline on Sunday, June 30 at 12:00 Noon (Eastern). It will be brought back online after the updates are successfully completed on July 1. We thank you for your understanding during this Fraternal Year End processing.

MEMBERSHIP CARD PRINTING

The process of generating Membership Cards changed recently, and we are working to resolve this matter. In the meantime, if the generate file opens in the browser, download and save to your computer. Once saved, open that file and the 'Actual size' option under 'Page Sizing & Handling' section of the 'Print Window' will appear. Using this option should aligned the cards on the paper.

UPDATE - Safe Environment Member Status Report

The Safe Environment Member Status Report is once again available in Officers Online. Thank you for your patience as we are nearing the completion of the Order's migration to the new Praesidium Academy. We are working to have this report published daily (except weekends), which should be fully in place by Monday, December 11. Each day's report publishes the previous day's data. Should you become aware of any discrepancies in the report, please email the Office of Youth Protection at YouthLeader@KofC.org.



DISTRICT DEPUTY RESOURCES

The Officers Desk Reference is a reference tool accessible via Officers Online. The Officers Desk Reference should be your first stop for answering any questions on Rules, Procedures, and Protocols. The Officers Desk Reference is updated often, so please use it for reference only, and not for

dissemination.



Officers Desk Reference & OYP

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| Membership Reports Forms Publications Prospect | | | | |
| Form Name | Form Number 💧 | Sea | Print 🍵 | Online 💧 |
| Application for Appointment as Financial Secretary | 101 | As Needed | | Chilling V |
| Application for Council Charter | 137 | As Needed | 1 | |
| District Deputy Annual Report | 944 | 9/15 | (2018) | — |
| District Deputy Expense Form (Kilometers) | 267DDK | As Needed | | - |
| District Deputy Expense Form (Miles) | 267DDM | As Needed | | - |
| Evaluation of Financial Secretary | 1938 | As Needed | 1 | |
| Nomination for Appointment as Financial Secretary | 103 | As Needed | 1 | |
| Notice of Institution of a Council | 136 | As Needed | 1 | |
| Notice of Intent to Establish a Council | 133 | As Needed | 1 | |
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FORMS ONLINE

Within Officers Online, you have access to forms that can be printed and others that can be submitted online, such as the Columbian Award Application (#SP7) and the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728).







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| District Deputy's Report | 6/1/2024 | 1 | |
| Conservation Listing by District (Past) | 6/14/2024 | B | |
| Daily Circle of Honor & Membership Goals Report | 6/26/2024 | 1 | |
| Safe Environment Member Status | 6/28/2024 | | |
| Safe Environment Participation Rate Report | 6/25/2024 | | 9 |
| Safe Environment Council Compliance Report | 6/27/2024 | | E |
| Councils not submitting Officers Chosen for Term Report (185) | 6/27/2024 | 1 | |
| Councils not submitting Service Program Personnel Report (365) | 6/27/2024 | 1 | |
| Councils not submitting Semiannual Audit Report (1295) | 6/27/2024 | 1 | B |
| Councils not submitting Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (1728) | 5/30/2024 | 1 | |
| | 6/27/2024 | 1 | |

REPORTS ONLINE

Within Officers Online, you have access to the reports that detail council activity.









Challenge yourself to review the Leadership Resources Handbook in detail



Direct Council Officers to the online version for up-to-date information



Empower Council Officers to understand and perform their roles



KNOW YOUR DISTRICT

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| District Deputy Appual Depart on Council Status | |
| District Deputy Annual Report on Council Status (| FT 23-20J |
| | Form 944 |
| Due: September 15th | |
| *Provide answers for the 2025-2026 fraternal year* | * |
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| District Number * | |
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| District Deputy Email * | |
| Council Number * | |
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OFFICIAL VISITS TO YOUR COUNCILS

•**Promote** important dates and initiatives from Supreme and State Councils

•Review council progress toward attaining their goals and earning the Star Council Award



• Thank and commend them on their accomplishments and work to be even more successful in the future



WHEN ATTENDING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Evaluate member status
- Provide a district membership update
- Analyze progress toward goals & quotas
 - Announce Ceremonial Schedule
 - Highlight Information from FLA
 - Review District Calendar
 - Review Supreme & State Initiatives







CEREMONIALS

•Conduct the Installation of Officers Ceremonial for each Council in his District

•Oversee and guide the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Ceremonial (CUF) scheduled in his District

•Strongly encouraged to build a District Team to perform a live CUF monthly







CEREMONIALS

REQUIRED

Each District Deputy should hold 1 (one) Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity in their district per month!







TEXAS STATE CONVENTION

•Encourage each council to elect two representatives to attend

•Delegates are to report back to their home councils

•A successful convention is determined by the active participation of councils in

your district





KEYS TO SUCCESS



Let all of your Councils know the best times and ways to get in touch with you



Return messages the same day, or at least, let them know you received the message



Build a Culture of good communication in a timely fashion



STAR COUNCIL

Father McGivney Award Membership Quota 7% Of Current Membership Or Minimum of 5

Columbian Award Report Form #SP7 Due – June 30th

Good Standing Current w/ All Supreme Council Assessments – as of June 30th of the Fraternal Year Service Program Personnel Report Form #365 Due – July 1st

Founders Award Host 2 Fraternal Benefit Events Have 10 or 14 (Depending on Size of Council) unique attendees between the 2 events

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report Form #1728 Due – January 31st

STAR DISTRICT

Membership

Attain 100% of District Membership Quota

Fraternal Benefit Events

50% of Councils in Your District Must Earn Founders Award

Star Council

At least one Council in the District must Earn Star Council



SUMMARY

The District Deputy is a key fraternal leader in his jurisdiction, representing both the Supreme Knight and the State Deputy.

Though some duties are ceremonial, all duties are important. Each duty leads to building a stronger group of councils that are able to react to local needs.



AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE HERE FOR!







Education, Training & Commuication



Education-Show Them What To Do!



Training-Show Them How To Do It!



Communication-Show Them When To Do It!





Educate







Two Most Important Forms For The New Fraternal Year



Form 365

Form 185



Form 185 (Due July 1st) Report of Council Officers

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•Can be submitted incomplete, but make sure Grand Knight, and Treasurer are on the form.

•Bad Addresses, Phone, or email.

•Illegible if filled out by hand.

•Using Member Management is preferred.

Form 365 (Due July 1st) Service Program Personnel Report

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-Illegible if filled out by hand

•Can be sent in without filling out all boxes, but will not show received if you do not fill in.

-Retention Chair and Membership Director.

•Member Management is preferred.







Fraternal Planner 2025-2026





This book offers a suggested schedule for popular program events. It also includes some key guidelines for activities.





Use this Fraternal Planner to:

- Set clear goals for membership growth and engagement through programs and fraternal activities
- Clearly communicate these goals to motivate your council
- Measure your progress and determine the changes needed to chart a more successful course
- Seek opportunities to integrate membership, programs, and charitable activities
- Plan your full program calendar and integrate it with your parish calendar
- Keep track of each month's activities










This Faith in Action manual provides information for your council to not only implement Supreme recommended programs, but also to create unique programs that help men to live out their commitment to the Catholic faith and their desire to serve family, parish, and community.







Fraternal Excellence Guide

Practical Information for Council and District Officers

Effective July 1, 2024

Fraternal Excellence Guide

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Fraternal Excellence Guide

Practical Information for Council and District Officers

Effective July 1, 2024

SUPREME COUNCIL OFFICE CONTACT DIRECTORY

| Customer Service | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| Customer Service | 1-800-380-9995 | |
| KnightsGear | | knightsgear@kofc.org |
| Supplies Online | | customersupport@slwmco.com |
| Fraternal Mission | | fraternalmission@kofc.org |
| Affiliate Membership | | affiliate@kofc.org |
| Catholic Information Service | | cis@kofc.org |
| Ceremonials | | ceremonials@kofc.org |
| Chaplains Programs and Developm | ient | chaplains@kofc.org |
| Columbia Magazine | | columbia@kofc.org |
| Council Accounts | | council.accounts@kofc.org |
| Financial Secretary Appointments . | | financial.secretary@kofc.org |
| Membership Growth | | councilgrowth@kofc.org |
| Membership Records | | membership@kofc.org |
| Member Management/Member Bill | ing | expertfs@kofc.org |
| Scholarships | | scholarships@kofc.org |
| For general inquiries, email | | info@kofc.org |

Forms and Reports

| ue Date | Form/Report |
|-------------|--|
| une 30 | Report of Chosen Officers for the Term (#185) OR the Officers Screen on Member Management |
| | Service Program Personnel Report (#365)* OR the Service Personnel Screen on Member Management |
| ugust 15 | Semiannual Council Audit (#1295) |
| eptember 15 | District Deputy Report (#944) |
| anuary 31 | Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728)* |
| ebruary 15 | Semiannual Council Audit (#1295) |
| une 30 | Columbian Award Application (#SP-7)* |
| nmediately | Membership Document (#100) |
| Required | Notice of Intent to Retain (#1845) |
| s Required | Entries for the State Council Service Program Awards Contest (#STSP) and Family of the Year Contest to your state council |
| fonthly | Family of the Month (#1993) |
| | |

* Indicates Star Council Award Requirement





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www.kofc.org...Officers Online



Officers Online A Must For Council Leaders

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| Officers Or | nline | | | | | | |
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| Texas 1 | 25 Council | > | | | | | |
| Supporting A | Applications | | | | | | |
| Officers Desk Reference | Office Of Youth Protection | Home | Knights Gear | Supplies Online | | | |

- Access begins July 1st.
- Continuously review council status.
- Be familiar with Officer's Desk Reference.
 - If you need assistance call; 800-380-9995 option #2.

Have your member number and role available.

Council Level Access:

- Grand Knight
- Financial Secretary
- Advocate
- Deputy Grand Knight
- Treasurer
- Membership Director





Officers Online Access

Members in a role permitted access to Officers Online will be emailed an invitation code once the Supreme Council receives the appropriate form from the state council, local council, or assembly indicating the election or appointment, and records this information. If you do not receive an invitation code within a reasonable time, click "Account Assistant" on the sign in page and follow the instructions.

If you previously held a role with access to Officers Online, you do not need a new invitation code. Your access will automatically be reactivated once the appropriate form is submitted.

If you do not remember your log on credentials, click "Account Assistant" or "Password Reset" on the sign in page and follow the instructions. If additional assistance is required contact our Customer Service Department at 800-380-9995, option 2 and provide your membership number and role.

| | Role Description | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Applications by Roles | Officers Online | Officers Desk Reference | Office of Youth Protection | Home Corporations | Member Management | Member Billing | By Laws Online | Knights Gear | Supplies Online | Prespect Tab | Candidate Tab |
| Jurisdiction/ State | | | | | | | | | | | |
| State Deputy | x | X | x | x | | | | x | x | x | |
| State Secretary | x | X | x | x | | | | x | x | | |
| State Treasurer | x | X | x | x | | | | x | x | | |
| State Advocate | x | X | x | x | | | | x | x | | |
| State Warden | x | X | x | x | | | | x | x | | |
| mmediate Past State Deputy | x | X | x | X | | | | x | x | | |
| Executive Secretary | x | X | x | x | | | | x | x | | |
| State Membership Director | X | X | X | X | | | | x | X | X | |
| State Program Director | X | X | X | X | | | | X | X | | |
| State Round Table Chairman | x | x | x | x | | | | x | x | | |
| Council Reactivation Chairman | X | X | X | X | | | | x | X | | |
| Council Retention Chairman | x | x | x | x | | | | x | x | | |
| Member Retention Chairman | x | x | x | x | | | | x | x | | |
| nsurance Promo Chairman | x | X | X | X | | | | X | X | | |
| NCD Chairman | x | X | x | x | | | | x | x | | |
| Ceremonial Chairman | x | x | x | x | | | | x | x | | |
| Hispanic Council Growth Coord. | x | x | x | x | | | | x | x | | |
| Online Membership Chairman | x | x | x | x | | - | | x | x | x | |
| Additional Membership Roles | x | x | x | x | | - | | x | x | - | |
| Online Membership Coordinator | x | x | x | x | | - | | x | x | x | |
| State Trainer | x | - | x | x | x | x | | x | x | - | |
| 4th Degree / Provincial | - | | - | <u> </u> | - | <u> </u> | | - | <u> </u> | - | |
| Vice Supreme Master | x | x | x | x | | | | x | x | | <u> </u> |
| District Master | x | x | x | x | | | | x | x | | <u> </u> |
| District | - | <u> </u> | | · · | | - | | - | <u> </u> | | |
| District Deputy | x | X | x | x | | | | x | x | x | <u> </u> |
| Council | - | <u> </u> | | · · | | - | | - | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Grand Knight | x | x | x | x | x | <u> </u> | x | x | x | x | x |
| Financial Secretary | x | X | X | X | X | x | X | X | X | x | x |
| Advocate | | | | | - | <u> </u> | x | x | | ^ | <u> </u> |
| Advocate Deputy Grand Knight | X | X | X | x | | | × | X | X | | |
| Treasurer | | | | | | | | | | - | |
| Membership Director | X | X | X | x | | | | X | X | | |
| Assembly | × | X | X | X | | | | x | X | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Faithful Navigator Faithful Comptroller | x | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | | |
| Faithful Admiral | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | <u> </u> |
| | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X | | |
| Faithful Pilot | X | X | X | X | | | X | X | X | | |
| Faithful Purser | X | X | X | X | | | | X | X | | |



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Safe Environment Training



Council must be in compliance.

Most common problems are:

- Email went to spam or junk folder.
- Let time expire.
- Did not take all training modules.
- Did not see follow up emails for background check.
- Issue with name (nick name used, etc.)

Safe Environment Training

| POSITION | COMPLETE COURSE | BACKGROUND CHECK |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Grand Knight | YES | N/A |
| Program Director | YES | N/A |
| Family Director | YES | YES |
| Community Director | YES | YES |

- Minimum of 3 people (Grand Knight can hold one other position).
- Personal Email Addresses required





Safe Environment Training

MEMBER HELPLINE

Phone: (203) 800-4940 Fax: (855) 845-3502

YOUTHLEADER@KOFC.ORG

OFFICE OF YOUTH PROTECTION

Phone: (203) 752-4558 Fax: (855) 845-3502

OYP@KOFC.ORG

- KOFC
- Problems can and do come up. It is best to have the Knight call or email.
- Calling works out best to iron out issues on a "one on one" basis.



Financial Secretary Trainers

David Solis – Chairman El Paso & San Angelo Michael Murphy Brownsville, CC & Laredo

Peter Donahoe, Jr. Austin & San Antonio Victor Garza Dallas & Ft. Worth

Jerry Geigerich Gal/Hou & Victoria Steven Webb Lubbock & Amarillo

Ed Juno Beaumont & Tyler









Communicate

Read The Fraternal Leader Advisory

- 1st & 3rd Thursday of The Month
- Sent to State Officers & Directors
- DD's, Council Officers & Directors
- Anyone can sign-up online.





Important Announcements, news & best practices



Employment Opportunities

The Knights of Columbus Fraternal Mission Department has fantastic job opportunities. Visit <u>https://careers.kofc.org/</u> to find one that matches your skills and goals.

Important Links

| Membership | <u>Celebrate</u> | Forms | Merchandise & | Fraternal |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Benefits | <u>McGivney</u> | | Supplies | Operations |
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Thank you for your service to the Order. If you have any questions or suggestions during your term, please email <u>fraternalmission@kofc.org</u>

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To view the FLA Archives, please click here.

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Online Training Schedule

Register for upcoming online sessions by clicking on the links below or you can watch on demand after the live session. On demand training can be found at **kofc.org/training**.

Note: All Times are Eastern

June 25, 2024, 8:00 PM June 27, 2024, 8:00 PM July 8, 2024 8:00 PM July 16, 2024 8:00 PM July 23, 2024 10:00 PM July 24, 2024 8:00 PM Financial Officer Training Grand Knight Basics: Part Two District Deputy Training Part Two District Deputy Training Part Three Creating and Using Council Budgets Grand Knight Training Part Three





FINISH LINE

This monthly publication will include information from the Major Directors about upcoming deadlines & events.

Available on the 1st day of the month. This publication should be forwarded to your Councils to help them stay on track.







Constant Contact

This is how the State Officers and **Major Directors** get information to members of the Texas State Council. This is important information that helps us reach our goals.

Subscribed: 67,561

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Donate to Texas Flooding Disaster Relief Fund

(100% of donations will be used to help families affected by the flooding)

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Knights of Columbus® Texas **State Council**

Membership

2024-2025 In Review



2024-2025 In Review

Circle of Honor with Pinnacle status for recruiting **5,524** new members (120.64%)

Original Goal started as 5,300

Goal reduced to 4,579 over course of the year due to:

2.5% reduction on 10/1, 1/1, and 4/1 of 399 10:1 Conversion Reductions of 322



Set new state record in membership intake Set state record in 5 of 12 months



2024-2025 In Review That's nice, but...







Why Is Membership Intake Important? Credo

I believe the Knights of Columbus provides Catholic men the best opportunity in today's world of following in the footsteps of Christ.

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I thus need to do all within my power to grow the Order and foster healthy, vibrant councils in every parish.



Why Is Membership Intake Import? To Keep Us Alive TSC Population on July 1, 2024 – 117,214 TSC Population on July 1, 2025 – 120,876 Net Growth - 3662

But Membership Intake was 5524?

5524 - 3662 = 1862 left the Order 36 per week



34% of our growth was needed just to stay even



2025-2026 Goals - D1/2/3

Due to AMI and the new Inactive status for councils, several diocese have noticeably changed size

To be fair, we are changing D1/2/3 classifications to:

D1 – Great than 6000 D2 – 3000-5999 D3 – Less than 3000





2025-2026 Goals – D1/2/3 Diocesan council populations as of July 1, 2025

| Gal-Houston |
|-------------|
| San Antonio |
| Austin |
| Dallas |
| Fort Worth |

| 18241 | Victoria | 5827 | Beaumont | 2637 |
|-------|----------------|------|----------|------|
| 12151 | Corpus Christi | 3278 | El Paso | 2607 |
| 11005 | San Angelo | 3124 | Tyler | 2288 |
| 9742 | Brownsville | 3102 | Lubbock | 1665 |
| 8813 | | | Amarillo | 1659 |
| | | | Laredo | 1147 |





How are diocesan goals set?

First look at historical % per month for entire State



| Jul | 5.44% | Jan | 6.64% |
|------|-------|-----|--------|
| Aug | 7.09% | Feb | 8.54% |
| Sept | 7.85% | Mar | 9.39% |
| Oct | 9.43% | Apr | 8.90% |
| Nov | 8.33% | May | 9.20% |
| Dec | 7.84% | Jun | 11.35% |



We sum up the membership goals of all the councils in your diocese and calculate your goal vs. State total. This is your UNMODIFIED goal.

| D1 | D2 | D3 |
|---------|---------|---------|
| AUS 678 | BRW 238 | AMA 132 |
| DAL 507 | CC 244 | BEA 161 |
| FTW 534 | SA 226 | EP 207 |
| GH 1049 | VIC 300 | LAR 101 |
| ASA 745 | | LUB 138 |
| | | TYL 178 |





We then scale that State goal total by the Supreme statewide goal of 5848. Your diocesan goal is scaled accordingly.

5848/5428 = 1.077 factor for your membership quota

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We hit each of those totals from previous slide with 1.077 and spread them across the year based on the previous slide



| Diocese | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Total |
|----------------|-----|-----|------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|------------------|---------------------|
| Austin | 40 | 52 | 57 | <mark>69</mark> | 61 | 57 | 48 | 62 | 68 | 65 | 67 | 83 | 729 |
| Dallas | 30 | 39 | 43 | 51 | 45 | 43 | 36 | 47 | 51 | 48 | 50 | 62 | 545 |
| Fort Worth | 31 | 41 | 45 | 54 | 48 | 45 | 38 | 49 | 54 | 51 | 53 | 65 | 574 |
| Gal-Houston | 61 | 80 | 89 | 106 | 94 | 88 | 75 | 96 | 106 | 100 | 104 | 127 | 1126 |
| San Antonio | 44 | 57 | 63 | 76 | 67 | 63 | 53 | <mark>68</mark> | 75 | 71 | 74 | 91 | 802 |
| Brownsville | 14 | 18 | 20 | 24 | 21 | 20 | 17 | 22 | 24 | 23 | 24 | 29 | 256 |
| Corpus Christi | 14 | 19 | 21 | 25 | 22 | 21 | 17 | 22 | 25 | 23 | 24 | 30 | 263 |
| San Angelo | 13 | 17 | 19 | 23 | 20 | 19 | 16 | 21 | 23 | 22 | 22 | 28 | 243 |
| Victoria | 18 | 23 | 25 | 30 | 27 | 25 | 21 | 28 | 30 | 29 | 30 | 37 | 323 |
| Amarillo | 8 | 10 | 11 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 9 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 16 | 141 |
| Beaumont | 9 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 14 | 14 | 11 | 15 | 16 | 15 | 16 | 20 | 172 |
| El Paso | 12 | 16 | 18 | 21 | 19 | 17 | 15 | 19 | 21 | 20 | 21 | 25 | 224 |
| Laredo | 6 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 12 | 109 |
| Lubbock | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 17 | 149 |
| Tyler | 10 | 14 | 15 | 18 | 16 | 15 | 13 | 16 | 18 | 17 | 18 | 22 | 192 |
| | 318 | 416 | 461 | 550 | 487 | 459 | 386 | 499 | 548 | 520 | 540 | <mark>664</mark> | 5 <mark>84</mark> 8 |




2025-2026 Goals

"Wow, why are our goals so much higher than last year?"

Answer – Yeah, the state goals are higher too

As your councils grow, your goals grow

40% of Catholic men want to join an organization like the Knights

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There are almost 1,000,000 Catholic men in Texas who want to join the Knights, if asked



2025-2026 Goals 5848 <<< 1,000,000

Must develop an inviting culture





2025-2026 Goals

"How does counting work?"

When a man joins online: The State gets a +1, the council gets 0

When an online member makes a CUF and is processed in: The Council gets a +1, the State gets a -1 off our membership goal for every 10 men converted (only for current FY)



A Form 100 is sent in – The State and the council get a +1





We will **own** Division 1

We will beat the state record we set in 2024-2025



We will meet our new and reactivated council goals





Hit Diocesan Membership Goals Maximize conversions right from July 1 Emphasize a quick start Emphasize Hispanic outreach Start New Councils Reactivate Councils





2025-2026 - Membership Committee 24/7 Membership Recruitment – John Leal All Councils Active – Larry Pfeifer **Online Membership – Clint Mendonça Exemplifications – JD Gutierrez** New Council Development – Victor Garcia **Council Reactivation – Jason Kelley** Roundtable Coordinator – Manuel Gonzales College Councils / NexGen – Josh Jones Membership/Council Retention/AMI - Michael Barnett



Committeemen – Arlie Markusen, Dan Porter, David Richard



2025-2026 - Membership Committee 24/7 Membership Recruitment – John Leal

- Encourage 24/7 Recruitment
- Helps coordinate church drives
- Pushes "One Knight One Man Every Mass"
- Coordinates Conversion Committee

All Councils Active – Larry Pfeifer



- Drives to get all councils/districts off zero Works with councils to uncover problems







They want to join – we just have to ask

If only 10% of our membership did this, we'd make Pinnacle by Christmas



We Will Hit Conversions HARD

Conversion Reduction is only for online members recruited THIS Fraternal Year

Last year- 73%; this year 80% MINIMUM

Our conversion committee will be ON your councils within 14 days



On Demand CUF will be pushed

Online Members will be free agents after 60 days



2025-2026 - Membership Committee Online Membership – Clint Mendonça

- Handles the online membership database
- Contacts Online Members and councils to encourage conversion
- Routes men to the right council
- Finds lost sheep

Exemplifications – JD Gutierrez



- Guides councils to various Exemplification methods



2025-2026 - Membership Committee New Council Development – Victor Garcia Council Reactivation – Jason Kelley

- Helps start/reactivated councils
- Manages database of leads
- Coordinates paperwork

Roundtable Coordinator – Manuel Gonzales

Manages Roundtable forms
 Keeps parish database for Texas assigning what councils cover which parishes
 Provides leads for new council locations



2025-2026 - Membership Committee Incentive of \$250 for each new or reactivated council; \$100 to the Knight who gets them started

Dioceses can start councils in neighboring diocese

Our State Chairs will be pushing specific locations to start new councils or reactivate suspended or inactive councils

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Goals - One new and 1 reactivated council per Diocese



2025-2026 - Membership Committee College Councils / NexGen – Josh Jones

- Encourages College council health
- Helps start/reactivate college councils
- Coordinated College Council Conference
- Chairs College Council Board
- Encourages programs for younger Knights

Membership/Council Retention/AMI - Michael Barnett

- Follows up councils pending suspension
- Provides support for AMI program



2025-2026 - Membership Committee

Making our Circle of Honor and Pinnacle goals this year will be hard

It can be done if we cultivate an inviting culture to build membership and develop new and reactivated councils





PROGRAMS

Texas State Council Organizational Meeting July 11th – 13th, 2025 Denton, Texas





Texas FOLLOW ME FINISH STRONG 2025 2024 TEXAS

What are a synonyms for pinnacle of achievement?

- Summit, Peak, Apex, and Acme.
- It means the highest point attained or attainable.



Programs Director Rick Guzman Fraternal Year 2025-2026







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Faith in Action Manual

- This is your Guide Book
- It explains the 4 categories (Faith, Family, Community, and Life) and the 34 programs.
- Important Information about initiating a program and having it approved by your Priest.
- Safe Environment requirements.
- Information on Star Council Awards, State Program Awards, and so much more.



FEATURED PROGRAMS

<u>Faith</u>

RSVP Into the Breach Spiritual Reflection Holy Hour

*Celebrating Our Catholic

Family Food for Families Family of the Month/Year Family Fully Alive Family Prayer Night

6 more programs are



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



The Bright Futures program invites councils to support the students and schools in their communities.

Too often, youth face significant barriers to their educational success. Councils can help by providing funding and resources to those most in need.

Councils can contact schools, teachers, and parishioners with school-aged children to ask what they need.

The following projects are popular ways to provide support: fundraise for tuition or items, run a book drive for a youth library, or participate in beautification projects for the schools in the area.

FEATURED PROGRAM

BRIGHT FUTURES PROGRAM

Featured Program

The Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage program encourages councils to celebrate the cultures and traditions of their parish communities.

This program aims to educate, inspire, and unite the community while celebrating the deep-rooted faith and cultural heritage of its members.



CELEBRATING OUR CATHOLIC HERITAGE

Share the rich heritage of your local Catholic community through a parish festival or another cultural event.



- <u>Catholic Citizenship Essay</u>
- •July/August Order Kits -Confirm Current Topic
- (Who are your three favorite popes and why?)
- •September/ October -Students write essay
- •November /December -Judging of essays at Councils, District, and Diocesan Levels
- •Jan 15, 2022 Diocesan winners mail them to me





- •Soccer Challenge
- •August / Sept -Council Level

•September / October -District & Diocesan Levels

•State Level: Diocesan Winners emailed to me in November





<u>Keep Christ in</u> <u>Christmas</u>

•September - Order KCIC Kits

•November / December - Judging done at each Council / District / Diocese level

•Jan 15, 2022 -Diocesan winners mail them to me Email as well.



51st Annual Johnny Lopez KofC State Golf Tournament

Dates: September 12 - 14 Locations: Bayou Din Golf

Course and Brentwood

Country Club both are in Beaumont Texas.

Cost per player.

Cost: Friday scramble, \$85.00

Saturday & Sunday only, \$180.00

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, \$215.00



2nd Annual State Cornhole Tournament April 12, 2026 – Hallettsville, TX - Council 2433

New format: Doubles, with one alternate team member.

Age Requirement: 13 years of age by the start of the Fraternal Year.

No Diocesan competition. Council winners advance directly to the State Tournament.



The council tournaments will be allowed to start on July 1st,2025 and must be concluded prior to March 16th, 2026.

Prizes will be given for first, second and third place. Prizes: TBA.



<u>State Programs:</u> <u>Silver Rose</u>

Silver Rose Quick Guide

Make sure you order the booklets and prayer cards ahead of time.

Have it approved by the Priest. The Priest or the Deacon can participate.

Invite the whole parish and the Color Corps.

Separate Ceremony – not part of the Holy Mass.



State Programs: Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon

Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon Quick Guide

Check with your Diocesan Icon Chairman for booklets, prayer cards and posters.

The council can also order their own through Supreme. Get approval from the Priest. Make it a separate Ceremony.

Resources can be found at kofc.org under Programs.



Shield a Badge

Shield A Badge With A Prayer

Pray for your local officer for his/her Safety.

Good Judgement and Safe Return Home.

Pat Henz can help you get this started.817-501-5197pghenz@yahoo.com

RSVP / Seminary Support

The Knights support approximately 300 seminarians across Texas.

For every \$500 in support provided by the councils, Supreme will refund \$100.

In addition, please send Christmas cards to the seminarians you are supporting.





pre-qualifying pregnancy resource centers.



<u>Bishop Thomas</u> J. Flanagan Fund - Grants for <u>Retired Priests</u>

This fund was established to provide for the care and welfare of those who so faithfully served us and affords grants for our retired priests.

The primary way to contribute to this fund is by acquiring and displaying a Texas Knights of Columbus license plate on your vehicle.





Pro-Life / ACE Wings

State Chairman Hector Gutierrez

is the contact person for requirements and in ordering your Ace Wings, and all Pro-Life related events.





<u>Veterans Affairs</u> and Services



In Memory of





Things to Remember

The success of any council comes from the success of its programs.

Successful Programs attract New Members.

Without these two, a council begins to fail.

Planning, Scheduling, Promoting, Reporting, Following through & Following up.




Things to Remember - continued

District Deputies, you are the most important Leader for the Grand Knights and their councils.

Encourage your council officers and members to be active.



Make sure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities.

Lead by example, get your hands dirty.

Be the Leader that God wants you to be.

Rick Guzman-State Program Director 210-215-7196

Hector Gutierrez – Prolife State Chairman (979) 332-8338; <u>hectorg77437@gmail.com</u>

Greg Dutchover – Pregnancy Resource Chairman (432) 770-1780; <u>gdutchover@musiccitymall.net</u>

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Ricky Meyer – State Golf Tournament Chairman (979) 732-7301; <u>ricky.meyer33@sbcglobal.net</u>





Knights of Columbus® Texas **State Council**



Please pray for the victims, their families and for First Responders – Search and Rescue Teams.





Charities

Director Joe Jacobo Odessa, Tx (432)638-5578 JoeJacoboKofC@yahoo.com



We achieve the highest charitable contributions in Texas history! A heartfelt thank you to all the amazing councils across Texas!

'25/'26 Goals & **Bishop Charity of** Choice TBD

Start Strong July 1st



Start Strong July 1st The new 25/26 Charity Pin \$20.00



Texas State Council Charities Board of Directors

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Worthy Grand Knight of Council #3203,

Texas State Council Charities Board of Directors (SCC) leadership would like to ask for your council's pledge to support your Bishop's charity of choice through your Diocesan State Charities goal, of which 70% comes back to support your Bishop's charity of choice and 30% to SCC for programs like, Special Olympics, Disaster Relief, College Catholic Centers, Front Line Faith, Habitat for Humanity, and other requests that are brought to Texas State Council for consideration. Any amount over 100% goes directly to your Bishop's charity.

We are asking your council to meet their goal in the fiscal year that ends on June 30th, 2025. **Can we count on your council?** Your decision will help us to plan at the state level to maximize donations for our Texas Bishops. Please present this pledge to your council in the months of July through October, then submit this pledge to your District Deputy before Nov. 15th, 2024.

Your council's set goal is \$1,450.00, with 1,015.00 going to your Bishop's Charity for Seminarian Education and \$435.00 to SCC programs and requests.

My Council will provide the following support

□ State Council Charities 2-step: My Council will contribute at or above 120% of our goal in two steps! ✓ Step #1: 100% by December 31, 2024*

✓ Step #2: additional 20% or more by June 30, 2025

□ My Council will contribute at or above 100% of our goal by December 31, 2024*

□ My Council will contribute at or above 100% of our goal by TSC Convention April 25th.

My Council will contribute \$_____toward our goal by TSC Convention April 25th.

Date

Council #

□ No support, but we wish the Texas State Council well in this endeavor.

Signed by GK

Print Name

This free-will pledge is not legally binding. It is an aspirational goal of your diocese. *100% goal met with 100% TSC per capita paid, qualifies your council for "Quick Start Award" Start Strong July 1st

Commitment Letters. Help us plan to ensure we support our Bishops. **Option #1 (Preferred) TSCC 2-**Step -Step 1: 100% by 12/31/24 -Step 2: Additional 20% by 06/30/25 **Option #2** 100% or more by 12/31/24**Option #3** 100% or more by April 2025 **Option #4** Contribute a certain amount **Option #5** No support

Knights of Columbus' Texas State Council

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STATE DEPUTY LIST

THE CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED TO

Responding to the call to exceed your goals ensures the financial stability of our Texas Bishops and the Texas State Council Charities.

Your Commitment, Effort, and Courage Are Duly Recognized. Thank You.

Ronald Alonzo State Deputy



Start Strong July 1st

State Deputy List

Join the Elite!

Why 120%



 Achieving 120% of our state goal will bring TSC near the \$1,000,000 mark.

Why 120%



 The AMI program has lowered our fraternal 2024/2025-year goal to a current total of \$810,015.00.

Why 120%



• The 2024/2025 goal is lower than the goals set before the Fraternal years of 2007/2008, when the goal was \$828,520.00.

Why 120%



• When Texas councils reached contributions of \$900,000 or more, the ten-year average was \$962,470.00.

 Adding 20% to our current goal amounts to \$972,018.00.





CHARITY REPORTS/HISTORICAL DATA CHAIRMAN

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Learn more about State Charity Goals



Charity Fundraising



- Add \$10 per member to your membership dues to cover your charity goal.
- Add charity goal to your council's budget.
- Contribute \$12 per eligible member to help Texas reach 120% in every Council – District – Diocese.
- Use charity pins for your council to exceed the goal after reaching 100%.
- Qualify for the Quick Start Award by December 30th.
- If unable to qualify for Quick Start, plan to earn the Honor Roll by June 30th.
- Contributing 110% of your goal will qualify your council for LSAFED and 120% gets placement on the State Deputy List.

Charity Fundraising



Learn more about State Charity Goals



Here is the breakdown of our \$30 membership dues we pay each year:

Supreme Council assessments:

Per capita \$1.75 twice a year; total \$3.50 Catholic advertising \$.50 twice a year; total \$1.00 Culture of Life \$1.00 twice a year; total \$2.00

We are looking at a Supreme total assessment of \$3.25 every six months per assessable member or a total of \$6.50 per year.

State Council Assessments:

Per capita assessment of \$10.00 per year Charity Goal of \$10.00 per year

We are looking at a State total assessment of \$20 every year per assessable member.

Lockton Affinity Insurance:

General Liability Council Insurance \$2.50 per assessable member

We arrive at a total per member assessment each year

 Supreme Council
 \$6.50

 State Council
 \$20

 Lockton Affinity
 \$2.50

 Total
 \$29.00 is assessed per year per member

So out of the \$30 of dues per member \$29 are assessments that council has to pay every year to have council in good standing.

The council only gets to keep \$1.00 out of the \$30 we pay each year.

That's why its very important that you pay your dues in a timely manner.

Financial Secretary Roberto G. Martinez 956-245-0959 fskc2785@yahoo.com As off 07/01/2024



A Global Wheelchair Mission Partner





Learn more about the American Wheelchair Mission

WHEELCHAIR CHAIRMAN Bill Weber Plano TX (214) 405-8023 yankeesweb@tx.rr.com

WHEELCHAIR ASSISTANT CHAIRMAN A. Brian Nelson San Antonio TX (210) 275-7921 abno91951@gmail.com

American Wheelchair Mission

- One wheelchair benefits 10 people in the recipient's life.
- Children and the elderly need wheelchairs the most.
- A wheelchair provides mobility.
- Approximately 100 million people need a wheelchair.
- Donate \$150 to fund one wheelchair per council.
- Host a Wheelchair Sunday at your Parish.
- Wheelchair Sundays are easy fundraisers that also help with recruitment.



A Global Wheelchair Mission Partner



Learn more about the American Wheelchair Mission



SPECIAL OLYMPICS **CHAIRMAN Chris Hoefer Gladewater TX** (903) 736 - 5309choe6482@aol.com



Special Olympics Texas



Learn more about Texas Special Olympics



Special Olympic Texas

Special Olympics Texas offers year-round sports training and competitions in Olympic sports for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The mission aims to promote physical fitness, courage, joy, and social interaction among participants, their families, and the community

Councils must fill out Form 10784 to report involvement with Special Olympics, detailing events, contributions, and hours. State Council Charity participants can report .25 cents per member. Reports are due **at will** every year regardless of involvement.

Reporting is crucial for Texas athletes to potentially receive up to \$9,000 from Supreme!

Nominate an active Knight for 'The Chick O'Connor Award'



Special Olympics Texas



Learn more about Texas Special Olympics









Learn more about the Bp. Thomas J. Flanagan Fund



Bishop Thomas Flanagan

This fund *Benefits* the care of retired priests.

Acquiring and displaying a Texas Knight of Columbus license plate on your vehicle. *Benefits You!*

By purchasing or renewing a K of C license plate, you can support Infirmed Priests. The plate costs an extra \$30 annually, with \$22 returned to TSCC.

Magnetic Bumper Sticker also available for \$20.00





Learn more about the Bp. Thomas J. Flanagan Fund











MORE

Cardinal Medeiros Trust

The Cardinal Medeiros Fellowship Program enhances the Education Trust Fund, which supports Catholic schools and college students in Texas.

To become a Cardinal Medeiros fellow, contribute \$1,000 to TSCC. The honoree receives a plaque, lapel pin, and their name on the honor roll at the Texas State council office and annual convention.

Deadline for students to apply is March 1st 2026.





Learn more about the Cardinal Medeiros Fund









Learn more about the Disaster Relief Fund



Emergency Response

The mission of our emergency response program is to provide guidance and assistance to our brothers and councils before and after disasters.

•Know your Diocesan ERC.

•Encourage councils to appoint local ERC

•Encourage councils to budget a \$500 Emergency Response fund.

•Is your home and family prepared?

•100% of all funds go to assist those in need.
•Policy and procedures are in place to equally distribute funds.

•All distributions are carefully documented and evaluated.





Learn more about the Disaster Relief Fund







Star Council

Director: David Zeigler Marshall, TX (903) 926-0776 zigsr@att.net

David Zeigler – Director zigsr@att.net ; 903-926-0776 - El Paso & Laredo Diocese

Brad Meyer – Star Tracker Chairman

Committeemen: Robert Landry -

Dioceses Oscar Gendrop -

Dan Rangel – Dr. Dean Hansen – David Keating – & Victoria, San Angelo, Beaumont, Corpus Christi & Brownsville

Tyler & Brownsville Dioceses & Archdiocese of San Antonio Brownsville, Austin, Lubbock Dioceses Fort Worth, Dallas, & Amarillo Dioceses Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston Brownsville Diocese











The **Star Council Award** is Supreme's highest award a Council can earn in a fraternal year.

But what is it?

✓ The award is proof that a Council is well balanced & well-oiled machine.

 \checkmark It is a health check point for the Council.

OF

 \checkmark The plaque is just the outward sign that the Council has achieved all the goals Supreme has laid out.

 \checkmark The plaque is a sign of Success and people want to be part of something successful.

✓ So the **Star Council Award** is a recruiting tool!



- Earn the Father McGivney Award 6% Membership Growth by June 30th. (Min. 5, Max. 15)
- Earn the Founders' Award (Insurance Growth) by June 30.
 Participate/Host at least two Fraternal Benefits Events; Military or College Councils just 1. The Events must have 10 unique participants yearly total for Councils with 99 or fewer members or 14 unique participants total for Councils with 100 or more members.
- If you attain all members on 1st event, you can substitute a 2nd event with the GK and DGK having a personal review with their F/A.



Grand Knight reports on Form 11077 within seven days. https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7322809/Fraternal-Benefits-Event-Council-Report-v2.



Earn the Columbian Award (Programs). Conduct a minimum of (16) programs; (4) in each of the Faith in Action program areas: Faith, Family, Community, & Life. Submit the Form SP-7 by June 30, 2026 – HARD DEADLINE!

Note you can submit the SP-7 as early as *April 1, 2026*

- Current with Supreme Per Capita paid by October 10 & April 10
- Safe Environment Compliance

Submit the Report of Service Personnel – Form 365 by 7-

1-2025



Submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity – Form 1728 by **1-31-26**



Safe Environment Compliance

Be Safe Environment Compliant: Grand Knight, Program, Family, & Community Director must be trained. Family & Community Director must go through a background check.

Email will be sent from Praesidium Academy based on Forms 185 & 365. Personal email addresses only.

▶30 days to complete the training. Directors will be removed by Supreme if training not completed in timely manner.

≻Training good for 3 years.



Priest can be used to any spot – No Training or Background Check required. Automatically Compliant for that position.
STAR COUNCIL Safe Environment Compliance (cont'd)

- Grand Knight only can hold another position. Council must have 3 members minimum in the correct position. If a Knight has no online access, booklet training can be requested from Office of Youth Protection.
- Note Diocese Compliance & Knights Compliance are separate items. Consult:

https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/safeenvironment-program/safe-environment-trifold.pdf



All inquiries should be directed to the Office of Youth Protection via email to youthleader@kofc.org or by phone to 203-800-4940.



STAR COUNCIL STAR DISTRICT AWARD Requirements:

- Meet 70% of the District Membership goal. 50% of the Councils achieve the Founder's Award.
- Submit District Deputy Report Form 944 for each of his Councils prior to September 15, 2025. Submit this form online only at Supreme's Website – kofc.org or

https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7650441/District-Deputy-Annual-Report-on-Council-Status-FY-25-26



Have at least one Council in the district earn Star Council



STAR COUNCIL STAR DISTRICT AWARD – Form 944



This council has no potential for reactivation, and there are no nearby councils to accept a merger.*

Please check box to acknowledge



I will consult with my State Deputy by October 15th on a recommendation for this council. Please send me a follow up survey at that time. *

- Please check box to
- acknowledge



STAR COUNCIL LONE STAR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE (LSAFE) Requirements:

- Earn the Star Council Award
- Recruit 110% of Membership Goal
- Submit Report of Officers (Form 185) to State Office by July 15, 2025
- Report Special Olympics Activities between July 1, 2025
 June 30, 2026 on Form 10784 by June 30, 2026
- Meet State Charity Goal by June 30, 2026.



Submit Audit forms 1295-1 by August 15, 2025 &
 1295-2 by February 15, 2026

Seat at least one delegate at the State Convention in Dallas, **April 24-26**, **2026**.



LONE STAR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE w/ Distinction Requirements:

≻Earn the LSAFE

≻Recruit **120%** of Membership Goal

Be a Quick Start Council (State Per Capita & State

Charities) by December 31, 2025

Contribute **110%** to State Charity Goal by **June 30, 2026**

Safe Environment Compliant by **December 31, 2025**.

Participate in (1) FBE by **December 31, 2025**.



Submit at least one entry for a State Service Program Award or Family of the Year or Blessed Michael McGivney Award or Educational Grant by March 1, 2026.



> Tracker

STAR COUNCIL

| Council Number -> | 1422 | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Council Grade -> | A | | | | | 0 | |
| Council Location -> | Marshall | | | | | | |
| Council GK -> | ALL | AN FRANKLIN | ALLANREP@GMAIL. | | L.COM | 281-703-0088 | |
| Council District -> | 133 | Edward F Juno Jr | | edjuno@yahoo.c | | om | (318) 272-5734 |
| Progress Towards Star Council Award | | | | | | | |
| Membership Quota | 10 | | | | | | |
| Membership Growth | 10 | | | | | | |
| % of Growth Goal | 100.00 | | Meets Star Co | ouncil Req | | | |
| Council Size of July 1 | 165 | | Pending Completion | | | | |
| Fraternal Benefit Events Held | 2 | | | | | | |
| Fraternal Benefit Attendees | 18 | | | | | | |
| Founders Award Achieved | Yes | | | | | | |
| Program Personnel Form 365 | Yes | | SE Training | Deadline to | Background | Deadline to | |
| Survey of Fraternal Activity Form 1728 | Yes | | E-Mail | Complete | Check E-Mail | Complete | |
| Columbian Award Form SP-7 | Yes | 5 | Sent | | Sent | | |
| Safe Env. Compliance - Grand Knight | Yes | ALLAN R FRANKLIN | 2023-04-29 | Compliant | 2024-04-25 | Compliant | |
| Safe Env. Compliance - Program Dir. | Yes | NOEL J SACHKOWSKY | 2023-05-16 | Compliant | n/a | n/a | |
| Safe Env. Compliance - Community Dir. | Yes | JACK L HANSON | 2024-09-04 | Compliant | 2024-09-05 | Compliant | |
| Safe Env. Compliance - Family Dir. | Yes | ALLAN R FRANKLIN | 2023-04-29 | Compliant | 2024-04-25 | Compliant | |
| Council SE Compliant? | Compliant | | _ | | | 1 | |
| Supreme Balance | PAID | | | | | | |
| Suspended Council? | No | 2 | | | | | |
| Star Council -> | Yes | | | | | | |

➤ Tracker

| Progress Towards Lone Star Awards | | | | | |
|---|-------|---|--|--|--|
| Form 185 | Yes | Meets Lone Star Award for Excellence with Distinction Req | | | |
| State Per Caps - Earned Quick Start | YES | Meets Lone Star Award for Excellence Reg | | | |
| State Per Caps outstanding balance | PAID | | | | |
| State Charities Paid - Earned Quick Start | YES | | | | |
| State Charities outstanding balance | PAID | | | | |
| Delegates at State Convention | 2 | For due dates and form details, open file: | | | |
| Audit Form 1295-1 | Yes | | | | |
| Audit Form 1295-2 | Yes | | | | |
| Special Olympics Form 10784 | Yes | | | | |
| State Service Program Award Submissions | No | | | | |
| Lone Star Award -> | LSAFE | | | | |





| DIOCESE/ | No. of Active | GOAL | | |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| ARCHDIOCESE | COUNCILS | | | |
| Amarillo | 22 | 6 21 6 10 10 | | |
| Austin | 81 | | | |
| Beaumont | 22 | | | |
| Brownsville | 39 | | | |
| Corpus Christi | 40 | | | |
| Dallas | 56 | 14 | | |
| El Paso | 36 | 9 | | |
| Fort Worth | 64 | 16 30 4 6 9 | | |
| Gal-Houston | 119 | | | |
| Laredo | 16 | | | |
| Lubbock | 23 | | | |
| San Angelo | 34 | | | |
| San Antonio | 94 | 24 8 | | |
| Tyler | 30 | | | |
| Victoria | 30 | 8 | | |
| TOTAL | 727 | 181 (min.) | | |







Dist Every I me or i form@ **Report Report**

District Deputy Incentive

Every District Deputy that emails me or my team & the State Office at form@tkofc.org their council's **Report of Officers – Form 185 & Report of Service Personnel – Form 365 by July 7, 2025,** will be entered into a drawing for **\$250** July 13, 2025, in Denton, TX.







STAR COUNCIL Incentives

1st Star Council in Texas

Every Council that pre-qualifies for Star Council as of the **April 20, 2026**, the Grand Knight will be entered into a drawing for a **\$100** gift card. The Drawing will be held during the State Convention weekend.

Diocesan Deputy Award

Every Diocesan Deputy that meets Star Council Goal (25% of councils in the diocese) will receive a 12-pak Knights of Columbus Cooler plus a \$25 Gift Card



Urban Peak Waterproof 12-Can Hinge Cooler



>Every Council is currently a **Star Council**

- >The Star Council Requirements is the Road Map!
- ≻Our Team will be in contact with the District Deputy
 - to help everyone stay on track
- >Constantly adjust your plan!
- > 50% + of your goals should be done by December.
- ≻Re-evaluate your plan in early January.
- ≻Be aware of all deadlines!

You have available resources – USE THEM!
HAVE FUN!!!







Knights of Columbus® Texas **State Council**

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of eternal life, Your Heart is a glowing furnace of Love. You are my refuge and my sanctuary. O my adorable and loving Saviour, consume my heart with the burning fire with which Yours is aflamed.

Pour down on my soul those graces which flow from Your love. Let my heart be united with Yours. Let my will be conformed to Yours in all things. May Your Will be the rule of my desires and actions.





Evangelization and Faith Formation in the Knights of Columbus

- First in Faith as in Charity
 - Back to our roots!
 - Blessed Michael
 McGivney's Vision



At the end of the day, our goal is to bring men to Jesus Christ



Role of Council EFF Director

- NOT Faith Program Director
- COR
- Work alongside council leadership, especially their Membership and Programs directors, to create
 Christ centered messaging and add in a faith element to existing events



Active fraternal leader in your council beyond COR, assisting to further "unite members in their Catholic identity and the practice of their Catholic faith."



EVANGELIZATION AND FAITH FORMATION

Did this council hold Cor at least once last fraternal year? *

O YES

O NO



Will this council implement or continue Cor this fraternal year? *
 YES
 NO



Has an Evangelization and Faith Formation Director been appointed? *

- O YES
- O NO



EVANGELIZATION AND FAITH FORMATION

Did this council hold Cor at least once last fraternal year? *

O YES

O NO

Will this council implement or continue Cor this fraternal year? *

O YES

💽 NO

If no, why not? *

Please Select - Council does not want to participate
 Council does not want to compete with an existing men's group in the parish
 Council does not understand the initiative
 Council unable to find a suitable leader
 Pastor did not approve
 Interested but needs more information/resources
 Other





944

Fraternal Year 24-25

The Good -368 "Yes" The Bad -315 "No" The Unknown -133





The Good ... ish

- 119 submitted Council EFF Directors
 Where did the other 249 go?
- 38 unique councils who submitted COR Quarterly Report

The Big Bad 4 1)I don't understand or need more resources

2)No Suitable leader

3)Does not want to compete with existing men's ministry

4)Not interested

Christ centered brotherhood Not a program – Not a meeting Intentional and frequent time for: **Prayer † Fraternity † Formation** Open to all men of the parish In service of the Pastor & requires his permission





Not meant to compete with other men's ministries but to strengthen and support

www.kofc.org/cor www.kofc.org/cor-es



Texas State EFF Team



•John Danley (Amarillo, Lubbock, San Angelo, El Paso) Gregory Brown (Beaumont, Dallas, Fort Worth, Tyler) •Jose Ramos (Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Laredo, San Antonio) •Will Britten (Austin, Galveston-Houston, Victoria)





Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney



God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord, Amen